

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

DONALD TAYLOR,

Petitioner,

v.

DIRECTOR, NEVADA DEPARTMENT  
OF CORRECTIONS, et al.,

Respondents.

Case No. 2:20-cv-01962-GMN-DJA

**ORDER**

The Federal Public Defender has filed notices of appearance on petitioner's behalf (ECF No. 8, 9). The court will formally appoint the Federal Public Defender.

After the court granted petitioner leave to proceed in forma pauperis and provisionally appointed counsel, petitioner filed another proper-person application to proceed in forma pauperis (ECF No. 7). The current application is moot because the court already has granted petitioner leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

IT THEREFORE IS ORDERED that the Federal Public Defender is appointed as counsel for petitioner pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B). Counsel will represent petitioner in all federal proceedings related to this matter, including any appeals or certiorari proceedings, unless allowed to withdraw.

1 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that petitioner will have until up to and including 120 days  
2 from entry of this order within which to file a second amended petition and/or seek other  
3 appropriate relief. Neither the foregoing deadline nor any extension thereof signifies or will  
4 signify any implied finding as to the expiration of the federal limitation period and/or of a basis  
5 for tolling during the time period established. Petitioner always remains responsible for  
6 calculating the running of the federal limitation period and timely asserting claims, without regard  
7 to any deadlines established or extensions granted herein. That is, by setting a deadline to amend  
8 the petition and/or by granting any extension thereof, the court makes no finding or representation  
9 that the petition, any amendments thereto, and/or any claims contained therein are not subject to  
10 dismissal as untimely. See Sossa v. Diaz, 729 F.3d 1225, 1235 (9th Cir. 2013).

11 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that respondents must file a response to the second amended  
12 petition, including potentially by motion to dismiss, within 60 days of service of a second  
13 amended petition and that petitioner may file a reply within 30 days of service of an answer. The  
14 response and reply time to any motion filed by either party, including a motion filed in lieu of a  
15 pleading, will be governed instead by Local Rule LR 7-2(b).

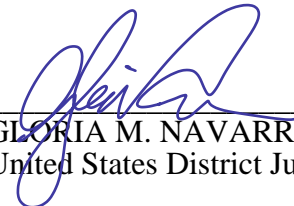
16 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that any procedural defenses raised by respondents to the  
17 counseled second amended petition must be raised together in a single consolidated motion to  
18 dismiss. In other words, the court does not wish to address any procedural defenses raised herein  
19 either in serial fashion in multiple successive motions to dismiss or embedded in the answer.  
20 Procedural defenses omitted from such motion to dismiss will be subject to potential waiver.  
21 Respondents must not file a response in this case that consolidates their procedural defenses, if  
22 any, with their response on the merits, except pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b)(2) as to any  
23 unexhausted claims clearly lacking merit. If respondents do seek dismissal of unexhausted claims  
24 under § 2254(b)(2): (a) they must do so within the single motion to dismiss not in the answer; and  
25 (b) they must specifically direct their argument to the standard for dismissal under § 2254(b)(2)  
26 set forth in Cassett v. Stewart, 406 F.3d 614, 623-24 (9th Cir. 2005). In short, no procedural  
27 defenses, including exhaustion, must be included with the merits in an answer. All procedural  
28 defenses, including exhaustion, instead must be raised by motion to dismiss.

1 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that, in any answer filed on the merits, respondents must  
2 specifically cite to and address the applicable state court written decision and state court record  
3 materials, if any, regarding each claim within the response as to that claim.

4 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that, notwithstanding Local Rule LR IC 2-2(g), paper copies  
5 of any electronically filed exhibits need not be provided to chambers or to the staff attorney,  
6 unless later directed by the court.

7 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that the application to proceed in forma pauperis (ECF No.  
8 7) is **DENIED** as moot.

9 DATED: January 13, 2021

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
GLORIA M. NAVARRO  
United States District Judge